

legally act, of a combination on the part of any of our citizens to obstruct the laws at the coming election. But while I am thus frank in foreshadowing my plans for the preservation of the public peace, and the protection of the voter by every means at my disposal; I must be equally so in declining to recognise any joint administration of the affairs of this city. The powers of the Mayor are believed to be ample. He has his resort, in case of emergency to the civil posse, as well as to the military arm, which like the former is placed by the law under his control. It will be his duty to use his best endeavors, to see that every citizen is protected in his constitutional rights, and that the peace of the city is preserved by every means at his disposal. If however, it should be attempted to introduce a power in the city of Baltimore above that of its regularly constituted authorities, or if the power should be assumed in anticipation of a State of things which may not occur, to bring the military in contact with the people on the day of election, without an official requisition on the part of the local authorities, I can only express the sincere belief that such a policy might seriously endanger the peace of the city, and lead to consequences which it should be the duty of all good citizens to endeavor if possible to avert.

With great respect,

I have the honor to be,

Your ob't servant,

THOMAS SWANN, Mayor.

### PROCLAMATION.

*By the Governor of Maryland:*

I, T. Watkins Legon, Governor of the State of Maryland, hereby make this proclamation the citizens of Baltimore;

Having credibly informed by a large and respectable number of citizens of Baltimore, that serious apprehensions are entertained that the approaching general election is threatened with extreme violence and disorder in this city, sufficient to terrify and keep away from the polls many peaceable voters, unless the civil arm is vigorously interposed for their protection, and being fully convinced of the justness of this apprehension from the events of the election of 1856, and of the recent municipal election in the city, I have felt it my duty to repair to this city to fulfill my constitutional obligations to afford to the citizens the faithful observance of the laws. Accordingly I have addressed the Mayor of the city and solicited his co-operation in adequate measures for the protection of the peace of the city. So far I have received from him no satisfactory response, and being resolved to be involved in no failure of duty by postponing measures